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Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing on behalf of the South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC) as it regards the Beneficiary Audit (USAC Audit No. SL203BE008) which took place February 25, 2003. SBLC is in the process of formulating a response to the Audit Report, and will be filing it shortly. We do have all the information to address the Audit issues and feel confident that SBLC can clear up this matter favorably. This information includes both of our 3 year Technology Plans which are "certified" (both 1999 – 2002 and 2002– 2005).

SBLC is requesting that all freezes on current and future E-rate funding be removed as soon as possible. As SBLC is a small community based non-profit organization, operating with a very thin budget, any additional technology, internet and phone costs that we must front or spend will reduce our ability to offer literacy services for adult learners. In order to make up for any lost or deferred funding through the E-rate program, SBLC will be forced to attempt to raise private charity dollars in an already tight donor marketplace and reduce its services. It will be a financial hardship for SBLC to wait for six months (or more) for our E-rate funding approval, as we work towards resolving the compliance issues outlined in the audit report.

Thank you for your cooperation and immediate consideration of this request. The South Baltimore Learning Center serves the hardest to reach and least literate adults in the toughest parts of the inner city of Baltimore—your support and technical assistance is important to our continued success.

Sincerely,

Sonia Socha
Executive Director

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